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SUBJ: MALMGREN'S PRESENTATION TO DUTCH OFFICIALS

ON ARTICLE XXIV:6

1. AMBASSADOR MALMGREN, ACCOMPANIED BY DCM, ECON COUNS

AND AGATT, MET WITH MOEA DIRGEN FOR FOREIGN

ECONOMIC RELATIONS VAN OORSCHOT, CHIEF OF GATT SECTION

WINTERMANS, STEKELENBURG OF EEC DIVISION MOEA AND

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BIERMAN OF MINAG ON MORNING JANUARY 23 TO DISCUSS US

POSITION ON ARTICLE XXIV:6. IN GENERAL, MEETING PROCEEDED ALONG LINES SIMILAR TO EARLIER STOPS ON XXIV:6 TRIP. SIGNIFICANT POINTS MADE BY DUTCH ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW.

2. ACCORDING TO VAN OORSCHOT, GON SUPPORTS AND DESIRES SPEEDY CONCLUSION TO XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, NETHS IS SMALL COUNTRY AND PRINCIPAL PROBLEM IS THAT ALL HIGH LEVEL DECISIONS IN EC NOW RUN UP AGAINST FRENCH GAULLISM. AGREEMENT IS ESSENTIAL AMONG THE 3 LARGE POWERS BUT PARIS IS KEY TO SOLUTION.

3. AGRICULTURE IS FRENCH "PET" AND TO BEGIN XXIV:6 DISCUSSIONS ON THIS POINT IS TO CONSOLIDATE FRENCH OPPOSITION ON ENTIRE SUBJECT.

4. GON HAS NO MAJOR DIFFICULTIES WITH AIDE MEMOIRE REQUEST LIST. MINAG OFFICIAL BIERMAN ADDED THAT GON HAD NO PROBLEM WHATSOEVER WITH AGRICULTURAL ITEMS ON LIST. VAN OORSCHOT ADDED THAT SINCE EC COMMISSION MUST DO THE NEGOTIATING, NOW IS NOT TIME TO DISCUSS POSITIONS OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

5. VAN OORSCHOT STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING XXIV:6 ISSUE MOVING AND OFFERED TO CONDUCT SIDE MEETINGS AS NECESSARY ON FRINGES OF TNC AND/OR OECD TC MEETINGS AS WELL AS AT ARTICLE 113 MEETING ON FEB 4. MALMGREN SAID IN VIEW US INTEREST, WE WOULD BE READY TO MEET WITH EC WHENEVER IT WAS DESIRABLE, BEARING IN MIND TIGHT TIMETABLE. VAN OORSCHOT WILL SUGGEST AT FEB 4 MEETING THAT ANOTHER MEETING BE DEFINITELY SCHEDULED.

6. WINTERMANS SAID GON IS GETTING NERVOUS ABOUT US WITHDRAWING CONCESSIONS SHOULD XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS NOT PROGRESS SATISFACTORILY, SINCE ANY WITHDRAWALS WOULD LIKELY HIT FRIENDS OF US, I.E. DUTCH, ESPECIALLY HARD. HE SAID THAT QUOTE WE KNOW YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS IN BRUSSELS AND THEREFORE WE WILL WORK OUR HARDEST. WE HOPE YOU WILL BEAR OUR POSITION IN MIND WHEN YOU CONSIDER REACTION TO THE EC UNQUOTE.

7. VAN OORSCHOT EMPHASIZED THAT THERE WERE TWO KEY POINTS IN EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DECISION ON XXIV:6 AND FIRST WHICH IS CONFIDENTIAL

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WELL KNOWN IS THAT EC OFFER IS NON-NEGOTIABLE. SECOND, WHICH MAY NOT BE WIDELY KNOWN, IS THAT IF COUNTERMEASURES WERE TO BE TAKEN BY NON-EC COUNTRIES THE COUNCIL AGREED TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE AGAIN.

8. VAN OORSCHOT EMPHASIZED HE BELIEVES KEY TO QUICK SOLUTION WOULD BE FOR US AND OTHER COUNTRIES SEEKING COMPENSATION TO KEEP APPLYING PRESSURE (E.G. AT ENERGY CONFERENCE, ETC.),

IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL IF OTHER COUNTRIES QUOTE ROAR
UNQUOTE PROVIDED THEIR DEMANDS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF US. HE
USED COWBOY ANALOGY AND SAID OFTEN SUFFICIENT JUST TO WAVE
AROUND REVOLVER SO THAT OTHERS PAY ATTENTION. MAYBE EVEN
CLEANING IT IN PUBLIC USEFUL. HE GUARANTEED NOTHING WILL
HAPPEN IN EC IF US ALONE AND DOES NOTHING BUT ASK POLITELY.

9. VAN OORSCHOT CONCLUDED BY SAYING EC COULD SOLVE PROBLEM
OF XXIV:6 IN HALF HOUR PROVIDED POLITICAL WILL EXISTS. HE
GAVE ASSURANCE THAT GON WOULD BE FRIEND AND ALLY IN PROCESS.
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